

FORT MONMOUTH ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AND PLANNING AUTHORITY

SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SSAC)

MINUTES ON PUBLIC MEETING, March 11, 2008

The FMERPA Social Services Advisory Committee (SSAC) public meeting took place on March 11, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the FMERPA office located at 2-12 Corbett Way, Eatontown, N.J.

In attendance were **Committee Members**: Rose Estephan, Rick Harrison, Lynn Miller, Laurie Cannon and Ana Dowland; **FMERPA Staff Member**: Diane Canterbury. **Public** in attendance: Tom Mahedy, Philip Welch, James Barbo (NJ Dept of Corrections), John Yaecker, Jason Shules, Rev. Sue Mamchak, Carolyn Eyerman (Love Inc), and Steve Heisman.

1. Open/Welcome/Introductions - Rose Estephan - Rose welcomed everyone and acknowledged the public in attendance.
2. Review of Prior Meeting Notes: All attendees reviewed; no modifications were provided. **Public Comments**: Tom Mahedy stated that the FMERPA website link for the 19Mar08 Public Meeting was not working last night. Response from Rick Harrison was that it was working for others as far as he knew but, would look into.
3. Where Are We Now?: Discussion took place where Rose gave a synopsis of what has been accomplished to date. This included site visits to Homeless NOI submitters. Members of the Social Services Advisory Committee and FMERPA staff gave a synopsis of lessons learned from the site visits. Lynn Miller stated that the visits were worthwhile and that the sites were taken by surprise by the FMERPA visits. This was due to that normally site visits are done usually by the submitter vs. the grantor. Ana Dowland agreed with Lynn. Rick Harrison stated that the visits opened up conversation and details that one could not obtain by reading paper. He provided examples of this with visits conducted at Family Promise, VetGroup of Ocean County, and 180 Turning Lives Around. Diane Canterbury stated that the visits provided the fact that many of the sites share services between/amongst themselves. She, also, would like to ensure that the definition of homeless is addressed with the public to minimize the stereotype stigma.
4. Discuss SSAC Path Forward: Members of the Committee were provided a package that contained a spreadsheet of previous discussions on NOI Submissions with supporting data via the current MCCP, the 2006 and 2007 Point in time surveys, and a Draft Homeless NOI Criteria check list. Discussion took part as it pertained to receiving input on the NOI spreadsheet whereas the attendees/members believed that going over the data would not be useful. Instead Rose and Diane requested input from the attendees (public members/SSAC members) that would provide their input for moving forward.
5. Where are We / Path Forward: Discussion from Rose and Diane took place to inform the SSAC and public members of the timeline that we are working against and that having input from the SSAC to move forward to the next phase of evaluation is where we need to go. Lynn Miller, Phil

Welch, and Rev Mamchak discussed the creation of a survey that will focus on types of housing (e.g. Permanent, Transitional, and Emergency). The data that is gathered will be input to the SSAC that will be received by Diane prior to the next SSAC meeting (01Apr08) and packaged/provided for discussion at that meeting. Rick Harrison provided all attendees with the flyer for the 19Mar08 Public Meeting that will be presenting the Preliminary Plan.

6. Other: Phil Welch introduced Carolyn Eyerman of Love Inc., who provided a synopsis of Love Inc. services and their clients. Prior to her departure Tom Mahedy wanted to let her know that government is there to support and provided aid to people. There is a need for more charity and justice by the government in providing aid to the people.

7. Schedule Next Meeting - The next meeting is scheduled for 01Apr08 at 3:00 p.m. at the FMERPA office located in Eatontown, NJ.